

Whereas Detroit, otherwise known as “Hockeytown, U.S.A.”, is home to the most loyal fan base in the world;

Whereas the passion and support of all Red Wings fans have assisted the team through this long and difficult season, enabling the players to achieve the greatest prize in all of hockey, the Stanley Cup;

Whereas each Red Wings player made a valuable contribution to the team's success and will be remembered on the most illustrious sports trophy, the Stanley Cup; and

Whereas those Red Wings players are Chris Chelios, Dan Cleary, Pavel Datsyuk, Aaron Downey, Dallas Drake, Kris Draper, Jonathan Ericsson, Valtteri Filppula, Johan Franzen, Mark Hartigan, Dominik Hasek, Tomas Holmstrom, Jimmy Howard, Jiri Hudler, Tomas Kopecky, Niklas Kronwall, Brett Lebda, Nicklas Lidstrom, Andreas Lilja, Justin Abdelkader, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Derek Meech, Chris Osgood, Kyle Quincey, Brian Rafalski, Mikael Samuelsson, Mattias Ritola, Darren Helm, Jakub Kindl, Brad Stuart, and Henrik Zetterberg: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 2008 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 594—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2008 AS “TAY-SACHS AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. BROWN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 594

Whereas Tay-Sachs disease is a rare, genetic disorder that causes destruction of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord due to the poor functioning of an enzyme called beta-hexosaminidase A;

Whereas there is no proven treatment or cure for Tay-Sachs disease and the disease is always fatal in children;

Whereas the disorder was named after Warren Tay, an ophthalmologist from the United Kingdom, and Bernard Sachs, a neurologist from the United States, both of whom contributed to the discovery of the disease in 1881 and 1887, respectively;

Whereas Tay-Sachs disease often affects families with no prior history of the disease;

Whereas approximately 1 in 27 Ashkenazi Jews, 1 in 30 Louisianan Cajuns, 1 in 30 French Canadians, 1 in 50 Irish Americans, and 1 in every 250 people are carriers of Tay-Sachs disease, which means approximately 1,200,000 Americans are carriers;

Whereas these unaffected carriers of the disease possess the recessive gene that can trigger the disease in future generations;

Whereas, if both parents of a child are carriers of Tay-Sachs disease, there is a 1 in 4 chance that the child will develop Tay-Sachs disease;

Whereas a simple and inexpensive blood test can determine if an individual is a carrier of Tay-Sachs disease, and all people in the United States, especially those citizens who are members of high-risk populations, should be screened; and

Whereas raising awareness of Tay-Sachs disease is the best way to fight this horrific disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2008 as “Tay-Sachs Awareness Month”.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 90—HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WHO WERE KILLED IN THE JUNE 25, 1996, TERRORIST BOMBING OF THE KHOBAR TOWERS UNITED STATES MILITARY HOUSING COMPOUND NEAR DHAHRAN, SAUDI ARABIA

Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 90

Whereas June 25, 2008, marks the 12th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on June 25, 1996;

Whereas 19 members of the United States Air Force were killed, more than 500 other citizens of the United States were injured, and 297 innocent citizens of Saudi Arabia or Bangladesh were killed or injured in the terrorist attack;

Whereas the 19 members of the United States Air Force killed while serving the United States were Captain Christopher J. Adams, Staff Sergeant Daniel B. Cafourek, Sergeant Millard D. Campbell, Senior Airman Earl F. Cartrette, Jr., Technical Sergeant Patrick P. Fennig, Captain Leland T. Haun, Master Sergeant Michael G. Heiser, Staff Sergeant Kevin J. Johnson, Staff Sergeant Ronald L. King, Master Sergeant Kendall K. Kitson, Jr., Airman First Class Christopher B. Lester, Airman First Class Brent E. Marthaler, Airman First Class Brian W. McVeigh, Airman First Class Peter J. Morgera, Technical Sergeant Thanh V. Nguyen, Airman First Class Joseph E. Rimkus, Senior Airman Jeremy A. Taylor, Airman First Class Justin R. Wood, and Airman First Class Joshua E. Woody;

Whereas the families of those brave members of the Air Force still mourn their loss;

Whereas 3 months after the terrorist bombing, on September 24, 1996, the House of Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 200, 104th Congress, honoring the victims of the terrorist bombing;

Whereas, on June 25, 2001, the fifth anniversary of the terrorist bombing, the House of Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 161, 107th Congress, which was concurred in by the Senate on July 12, 2002, further honoring the victims of the bombing;

Whereas, on December 11, 2001, the Senate agreed to Senate Concurrent Resolution 55, 107th Congress, also marking the fifth anniversary of the terrorist bombing and honoring the victims of the bombing;

Whereas, on June 27, 2005, the House of Representatives agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 188, 109th Congress, further honoring the victims of the terrorist bombing;

Whereas those guilty of carrying out the attack have yet to be brought to justice; and

Whereas terrorism remains a constant and ever-present threat around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers United States military housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Congress—

(1) recognizes the service and sacrifice of the 19 members of the United States Air Force who died in the attack;

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to pause and pay tribute to those brave members of the Air Force;

(3) extends its continued sympathies to the families of those who died; and

(4) assures all members of the Armed Forces serving anywhere in the world that their well-being and interests will at all times be given the highest priority.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4980. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4981. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3101, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4980. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3101, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . INCREASING THE MEDICARE CAPS ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POSITIONS FOR STATES WITH A SHORTAGE OF RESIDENTS.

(a) DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by inserting “clause (iii) and” after “subject to”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) INCREASE IN CAPS ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION POSITIONS FOR STATES WITH A SHORTAGE OF RESIDENTS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—For cost reporting periods beginning on or after the date that is 16 months after the date of the enactment of this clause, the Secretary shall increase the otherwise applicable limit on the total number of full-time equivalent residents in the field of allopathic or osteopathic medicine determined under clause (i) with respect to a qualifying hospital in an eligible State by an amount determined appropriate by the Secretary. Such increase shall be phased-in over a period of 5 cost reporting periods beginning with the first cost reporting period in which the increase is applied under the previous sentence to the hospital. For each eligible State the aggregate number of such increases shall be—